

COMBINED DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: (1) my residence, citizenship and address are as stated below next to my name; (2) I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one inventor is listed below) or a joint inventor (if more than one inventor is listed below) of the subject matter described and claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or discovery entitled CONVEYOR LUBRICANT AND METHOD FOR TRANSPORTING ARTICLES ON A CONVEYOR SYSTEM (the "Application"), the specification of which:

- a. is attached hereto
- b. was filed on June 19, 2000 as application serial no. 09/596,599 and was amended on (if applicable).
- c. was filed on as PCT application serial no.

(3) I have reviewed and understand the contents of the Application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; (4) I hereby acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the Application as defined in the attached copy of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and (5) I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 119 and 365 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the Application on the basis of which priority is claimed:

- a. no such foreign applications have been filed.
- b. foreign applications have been filed as follows:

FOREIGN APPLICATIONS, IF ANY, CLAIMING PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC § 119			
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (Day, Month, Year)	DATE OF ISSUE (Day, Month, Year)
ALL FOREIGN APPLICATIONS, IF ANY, FILED BEFORE THE PRIORITY APPLICATION			
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 120 and 365 of any United States and PCT international applications listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) that occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	STATUS (patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below:

U.S PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)

I hereby appoint David R. Cleveland (Reg. No. 29,524) and (Reg. No.), my attorneys with full powers (including the powers of appointment, substitution, and revocation) to prosecute the Application and any division, continuation, continuation-in-part, reexamination, or reissue thereof, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. The mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers for correspondence with my attorneys are:

Attention:

David R. Cleveland
David R. Cleveland, P.A.
Suite E-1324 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.
332 Minnesota Street
Saint Paul, MN 55101

I also declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any patent issuing thereon.

Wherefore, I pray for grant of Letters Patent for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the Application, and I hereby subscribe my name to the Application, and to this Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition, on the date set forth below.

Full Name:	Minyu Li
Citizenship:	USA
Post Office Address:	7021 19 th St. N. Oakdale, MN 55128
Signature:	<i>Minyu Li</i>
Date:	10/11/00

Full Name:	Keith Darrell Lokkesmoe
Citizenship:	USA
Post Office Address:	14463 Monterey Ave. Savage, MN 55378
Signature:	<i>Keith Darrell Lokkesmoe</i>
Date:	10/16/00

Full Name:	
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§1.56 Duty to disclose information material to patentability.

(a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability of a claim that is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability of any existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practiced or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:

- (1) prior art cited in search reports of a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and
- (2) the closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application believe any pending claim patentably defines, to make sure that any material information contained therein is disclosed to the Office.

(b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

- (1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or
- (2) It refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in:
 - (i) Opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or
 - (ii) Asserting an argument of patentability.

A prima facie case of unpatentability is established when the information compels a conclusion that a claim is unpatentable under the preponderance of evidence, burden-of-proof standard, giving each term in the claim its broadest reasonable construction consistent with the specification, and before any consideration is given to evidence which may be submitted in an attempt to establish a contrary conclusion of patentability.

(c) Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are:

- (1) Each inventor named in the application;
- (2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and
- (3) Every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application.

(d) Individuals other than the attorney, agent or inventor may comply with this section by disclosing information to the attorney, agent, or inventor.

ASSIGNMENT

Whereas I, as a below named inventor, with residence and citizenship as stated below next to my name; have made an invention entitled:
CONVEYOR LUBRICANT AND METHOD FOR TRANSPORTING ARTICLES ON A CONVEYOR SYSTEM

and have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based thereon, which application is identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as U.S. Application Serial No. 09/596,599, filed June 19, 2000 (the "Application");

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Ecolab Inc.

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, I have agreed to assign and transfer and do hereby assign and transfer unto Ecolab, a corporation of Delaware, having its principal office at 370 North Wabasha Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101 (the "Company"), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and Application, and in and to any division or continuation (in whole or in part) of the Application, and in and to any and all improvements in the said invention made by me or made jointly with others (provided any such improvement is made during my employment by the Company or derived from confidential information or trade secrets disclosed to me because of my employment by the Company), and in and to any and all Letters Patent, reexaminations, reissues, or extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent, Utility Models, Registered Designs or Inventors' Certificates in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), which have been or may be granted thereon or on any divisional, continuation (in whole or in part), renewal, reexamination, reissue, or other or further application based in whole or in part upon the said invention or Application or improvements thereon, to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by me had this assignment and transfer not been made,

I do further agree for myself and for my heirs, executors, and administrators, to execute and deliver without further consideration any further applications, assignments and other documents as may be deemed necessary by the Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees; to communicate all related material facts known to us as may be deemed necessary by the Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees; and to perform such other related acts (including the giving of testimony) as I lawfully may do and as may be deemed necessary by the Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees; all in order fully to secure to and vest in the Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees all right, title, and interest as aforesaid and to permit them to obtain or maintain Letters Patent, Utility Models, Registered Designs or Inventors' Certificates in any and all countries;

I covenant and agree with the Company, its successors, assigns and nominees that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to any third party by me, and that the full right to convey the same as expressed herein is possessed by me.

And I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon to the Company (or to its designated successor or nominee), as the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name on this Assignment on the date set forth below.

Date: 10/11/00

By: Minyu Li

Name: Minyu Li

Residence: 7021 19th St. N.

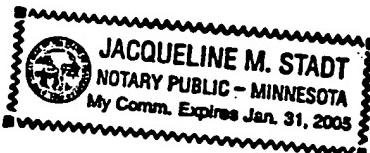
Oakdale, MN 55128

Citizenship: USA

STATE OF Minnesota)
COUNTY OF Dakota)
ss.

On this 11 day of October, 2000, before me personally appeared Minyu Li, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and she duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Jacqueline M. Stadt
Notary Public

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name on this Assignment on the date set forth below.

Date: 10/16/00

By: Keith D. Lokkesmoe

Name: Keith D. Lokkesmoe

Residence: 14463 Monterey Ave.

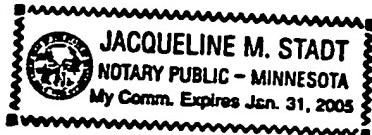
Savage, MN 55378

Citizenship: USA

STATE OF Minnesota)
COUNTY OF Dakota)
ss.

On this 6 day of October, 2000, before me personally appeared Keith D. Lokkesmoe, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Jacqueline M. Stadt
Notary Public